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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS**  
Thursday, January 26, 2012  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of  
**HB 2268**  
**RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the House Committee on  
Economic Revitalization & Business.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)  
opposes HB 2268, Relating to Small Business, which requires DBEDT to convene a  
working group to identify redundant and obsolete state and county laws related to small  
business.

It is important to note that under Section 201M-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes  
(HRS), there is a process already in place by which the Small Business Regulatory  
Review Board provides to the head of each State agency a list of any rules adopted by  
the agency that affects small business that has generated complaints or concerns,  
including rules that the Board determines may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with other  
rules, or exceed statutory authority. This information is comprised in a report that is  
submitted to the State legislature at the end of every even-numbered year.

Also under Section 201M-7, HRS, all State agencies are required to submit a report to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, by June 30 of each odd-numbered year, that lists all rules that affect small business, describing the specific public purpose or interest for adopting the rules and any other reasons to justify its continued implementation. To convene a task force to perform similar or the same process would result in repetitive work.

In addition, due to budget cuts and a reduction-in-force, DBEDT does not have the resources to implement the additional work required in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.